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CAN EXERT INFLUENCE

RUSSIAN MINISTER AT PEKING

While Government Would Disavow Complicity, Japanese With Gen.

ST. PETERSBURG. April 11.-The reports the most serious threat to her.

It is pointed out that without the consent of the Peking government the Japanese officers who are with General Ma, who is now north of the great wall, easily can obtain dominant influence over the Chinese troops and use them if the Japanese operations demand the creation of a diversion in

They Might Embarrass Him. If General Kuropatkin is compelled in time of stress to meet a sudden and unexpected attack from this quarter it might

Of course, the Peking government would disavow complicity, but the harm would be done, and Russia considers that the immediate removal of Japanese influence over

demands will be considered a violation of Chinese neutrality, this is believed to be the true account of the situation. It is added that Kuropatkin is disposing

of 20,000 men where they will be available for use in the direction of the Chinese frontier, but no confirmation of this report is

Firing of Guns at New Chwang Alarmed Residents.

NEW CHWANG, April 11.-An official explanation was issued today of the firing of guns from the forts here last night, which caused a certain amount of excitement and

garrison did not understand the system of customs flash signals in use at the mouth of the river, for the purpose of signaling to enable ships to put to sea, fire was opened last night at some pilot-boats and outward bound merchantmen. These vesafter midnight and at 12:30 the artillery opened fire on the vessels, twenty-four shots being fired, including projectiles from

ed up to noon today, but the firing caused excitement among the troops, during which a sentry fired on and killed two Chinese sampan men opposite the foreign settlement and three miles from the forts. The Chinese had become alarmed at the firing and were endeavoring to cross the river.

rison had been fully warned that it was possible the Japanese would make an attack on this place and the citizens, on hearing tempt was being made last night.

Chwang. The port pilots would not respond to her signals for them to take the vessel up the river. Two British steamers found themselves in the same predicament. The

VLADIVOSTOK, April 11.-The

churches today have been crowded in observance of the Easter holidays with people praying for victory.

Many of the inhabitants who fled from Vladivostok to Khabarovsk, eastern Siberia, at the outbreak of the war are now re turning here.

Thoughts of War Give Place to Merry-Making in Russia.

The Easter merrymaking is in progress, business is suspended, the government departments are closed and the war bulletin boards are bare, except for the order for the mobilization of the naval reserves. Only three newspapers appear, and they are in the form of fly sheets. M. Meshcheriky, in the Grashdanin, pays a fine tribute to Prince Hilkoff, the minister of railroads. whom he compares with Peter the Great. working with his own hands on the Baikal railroad to stimulate the workmen to perform marvels, like Peter at the foundry in St. Petersburg. The minister will return soon to Balkal to resume personal direction of building the circular line which it is hoped will be running by July, a year earlier than planned. Prince Hilkoff expects soon to have seven two-section mili-tary trains running daily.

In addition to the list printed yesterday the Novoe Vremya this morning contains the belated Easter greetings of the officers of the warships Retvizan, Petropavlovsk, Gaydamak, Vsadnyk and Giliak and the

New model Russian three-inch quick-firing guns, firing eighteen shots a minute are being issued to the artillery colleges of St. Petersburg for the purpose of instructing the senior cadets in the handling of these pieces. The emperor will confer diplomas on them in May, instead of next

## Are Unknown.

PARIS, April 11.-Official advices received today by the French government confirm the dispatches announcing that Japan's first army, consisting of four army corps, now completely landed in Kerea, and that the second army, consisting of a simi-

ST. PETERSBURG, April 11, 5:45 p.m. The Associated Press is informed officially that up to the present hour the governmen has not received any advices of Easter disturbances anywhere in European Russia. Complete quiet reigns, according to reports from all the Jewish centers of population.

Demonstration at Sebastopol. SEBASTOPOL, April 11.-The observance

of Easter here was marked by a patriotic demonstration in honor of the arrival of the captain and other surviving members of the crew of the Russian gunboat Korietz. Vice Admiral Skrdloff, the commander of the Russian Black sea fleet, in handing them crosses of St. George, compared their exploits to the heroic defense of the Russians at Sebastopol.

FOUGHT EIGHT HOURS.

German Forces Repulse Natives in Southwest Africa—Casualties.

BERLIN, April 11 .- The foreign office received today the following dispatch from Colonel Leutwein, the governor of German Southwest Africa 'With the United Principal Division and

Western Division, I attacked the enemy's chief force, about 3,000 strong, at Onganjira. The Hereros were in a strong semicircular position on a hill fronting the northwest. We first flanked and forced back the enemy's left wing and then attacked the center and right. Two energetic counter-attacks of the enemy against our left were repulsed.

The enemy's position was broken through at night fall, after eight hours' fighting, and the enemy was driven back on all sides. The chief forces apparently retired in a northeasterly and easterly direction. Our losses include Lieutenants Von Estorff and Von Erffa and two cavalrymen killed, Lieutenant Rosenberg and five men severely wounded, and five men slightly wounded. The enemy's loss has not yet been ascer-tained, but was heavy, owing to the excellent effect of our artillery fire.
"Nothing new from Von Glasenapp's east-

NO LIVES LOST.

Floods in Montreal and Vicinity Delay

Trains and Cause Damage. MONTREAL, April 11.-The flood situation in this city and vicinity remains unchanged. There is no danger at present for the city proper, the water being lower than vesterday and six feet below the top of the permanent dyke. Across the river St. Lawrence, at La Prairie, St. Lambert and Longeuil, which were flooded yesterday, the water has entirely receded, but Verdun, the municipality west of Montreal and on the same side of the river, is still flooded.

The only thing now to be feared is a heavy warm rain. Trains from out-of-town points are all delayed by the floods in the surrounding country. No lives have been lost.

### SETTLE ON DELEGATES.

Ante-Convention Settlement in New York Names Big Four.

NEW YORK, April 11.-It was announced at republican headquarters today as finally settled that Senators T. C. Platt and Chauncey M. Depew, Governor B. B. Odell, jr., and former Governor F. S. Black will be named as the delegates-at-large to the national convention and their selection undoubtedly will be ratified at tomorrow's state convention. For alternates-at-large Louis F. Stern of this city, Mayor Erastus C. Knight of Buffalo and Henry C. Brewster of Rochester have been selected. Senator Platt will name the fourth. The electors-at-large as decided upon today are former Mayor C. C. Schieren of Brooklyn and George Urban of Buffalo.

### RACE FEELING HIGH. Murder of White Man in Texan Town

Causes Trouble. HOUSTON, Texas, April 11.-News from Waller county, sixty miles north of here, indicate that race feeling is very high, owing to the murder near Hempstead of Tucker Pinckney, brother of former Congressman John M. Pinckney of the Houston dis-

It appears that Pinckney and a companion were riding by a negro church when they were fired upon. While the dead man's body lay in front of the church a negro with a shotgun rode by and informed the crowd that he did the shooting, after which he disappeared. This negro had a finger shot off, which indicates that Pinckney and his companion, whose name is not known returned the fire.

Monster Oil Well in Ohio.

UPPER SANDUSKY, Ohio, April 11 .- A monster oil well has been struck on the farm of Albert Wright, just south of this place. When the drill penetrated to the depth of nine feet in the sand there was a terrific rush of oil that went in a solid column over the top of the derrick. After the flow had continued for hours the well was finally brought under control. It is estimated that in twenty-four hours the well-flowed fully 2,000 barrels. It is believed to be the greatest producing oil well

Charged With Official Misdemeanor. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 11.-W. H. Johnson, superintendent of the poor during the Ames administration, was arraigned today under two indictments charging him with presenting a fraudulent bill to public officers for payment and with grand larceny

Flood Situation at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 11.-The only in convenience due to the flood in this city is in the transfer of street railway passengers at several points in the suburbs. The weakest points in the St. Francis levee are at Holy Bush and Bradleys, Ark., and unless bad weather sets in it is believed the levee will hold. There is no serious delay to railway traffic No further information in regard to the cave-in at Baleshed, Issaquena county, Miss., has been received.

Detective Kills a Workman.

ROCHESTER, Pa., April 11.-As an outcome of the strike trouble at the Rochester tumbler plant late last night. Frank Johnson, a union glass worker, was shot and killed by Joseph Finler, a private detective, employed by the plant. It is alleged that the shooting was done without provocatio and Detective Finler is in jail, charged with killing Johnson. Two other officers ar held as accessories to the crime.

Jiminez in New York

NEW YORK, April 11 .- General Juan J. Jiminez, the Dominican rebel leader who fled from the victorious forces of President Morales, arrived here today on the steamer Philadelphia from Venezuela and Porto Rico. He embarked at San Juan. Jiminez refused to make any statement concerning his intended movements in this country.

List of Talesmen Exhausted Without Securing Jury.

SPECIAL PANEL CALLED

WITH HIS.WIFE IN COURT.

Hearing to Be on Two Indictments at Same Time. With Third Indictment in Abeyance.

James M. A. Watson, formerly an em ing. In the meantime eighty additional talesmen will be summoned, with instructions to report at the hour mentioned.

Assistant United States Attorneys Hugh T. Taggart, Charles H. Turner and Peyton Gordon were on hand to conduct the prose-cution, while Attorney A. S. Worthington of Worthington, Heald & Frailey, Attorney D. W. Baker of Lambert & Baker and Attorney Stuart McNamara were at the coun-sel table to look after the interests of the defendant. The attendance included Mr. James T. Petty, formerly auditor of the District of Columbia, who was supplanted in that office as the outcome of the alleged peculations of Watson; Mr. Alonzo Tweedale, the deputy auditor, and a large number of other District government officials and employes. Mrs. Watson, wife of the defendant, put in an appearance early during the hearing and took a seat alongside her husband, after having been greeted by him. She accompanied him to the cell room when the adjournment was taken, and remained there, engaged in conversation, until Wat-son started on the return trip to jail. At every opportunity while the court was in session Mr. and Mrs. Watson exchanged whispered words. Each displayed marked interest in what the other had to say.

the indictments be consolidated for the charging the embezzlement of five checks drawn on the treasurer of the United States that, it is contended, should have been deposited in the Traders' National Bank, but which, it is asserted, were cashed at the Citizens' National Bank. These checks had to do with offenses alleged to of the District code. Another of the indictments was found under the old law. It re tional Bank, and cashed there, that should tional Bank The third indictment was found under the provisions of the Districct code, and relate to seven checks alleged o have been embezzled since the adoption

of the code. In asking that the three indictments be consolidated Attorney McNamara, after dwelling on the law in the case, declared that it would be an extreme hardship to Watson, after having been kept in jall since last June awaiting a hearing, to be tried now under one indictment with two others, substantially the same, hanging over

on trial under the other indictments. conducting the prosecution added that the long delay in bringing the defendant to fault, for, it was stated, the defense had not been especially anxious for a speedy

proceed today." He claimed that no em-barrassment would result from consoli-

dating the indictments. Attorney Worthington supplemented the remarks of his colleagues by saying that it could not be assumed in this case, that the defendant was ignorant of the charge against him. Everybody is familiar with the accusation against Watson, according to Mr. Worthington, and, he went on to state, "it would be unreasonable to try up to a certain date on one indictment, and then, if acquitted, to try him on another indictment relating to different dates.' "If your honor please, it has taken us a long time to grasp even the facts in this case," began Assistant United States At-torney Turner.

do not think you know them now." Attorney Worthington interrupted to say, "But." the assistant United States attor-

ney continued, "you expect twelve laymen on the jury not to be confused by an array vouchers and checks that have been straightened out by lawyers only after hard study.

Long Time for Trial.

The government's representatives further argued that it would require twice as much time to try the case under the indictments consolidated as under one of them. In addition it was admitted to be very conceivable that only one would ever be tried. To join an indictment under the old law with one under the code, it was declared, must prove embarrassing, perplexing and diffi-

Almost before Mr. Turner had resumed his seat Justice Pritchard announced that the motion to consolidate the three indictments was overruled. The court added: "I will, however, direct that the two indictments found under the old law be consoli-This ruling results in Watson going to trial under the two indictments, consolidated, found under the law relating to embezzlement that was in force in the

Attention was next directed to impaneling a jury. Richard A. Walker was the first man called to the box. He and the other members of the panel were asked of they had formed or expressed an opinion regarding the guilt or innocence of the accused; whether they had any acquaintance

with Watson or with Mr. Tweedale or Mr. Donovan of the District auditor's office, and if they had ever had business dealings with the District government. Justice Pritchard ruled that if the slightest amount of evidence was required to remove an opinion or impression from opinion or impression from the mind of any person called to the box, a challenge "for cause" would be sustained. Mr. Wal-ker took a seat temporarily, but was later challenged peremptorily by the defense. At the outset the government and the defense

Admitted He Was Biased. Randall H. Hagner, the second man called to the box, admitted that he was blased. and challenge for cause was sustained. Leonard Daniel answered the questions propounded to him and took a seat. Eugene R. Nichols said he had formed an opinion, which, it was gleaned, was that the de-fendant is guilty. He was excused. Will-iam J. Palmer, who was then called by Clerk Smith, explained that he had formed an opinion regarding the guilt or innocence of Watson and it was firmly fixed. Mr Palmer was told to step aside. It was brought out that the next man, Charles T. Clagett, knows Watson, and the man who followed him, Morgan D. Lewis, had formed an opinion, and both were eliminated from further connection with the trial, "for cause"

Irwin J. French's mind was free from bias, so he said, and he was permitted to take a seat. William M. Carrington also Mr. Petty for twenty years or more. The mind of George A. Gheen was in condition to render a fair and impartial verdict, according to his statements, and he tarried only to be challenged within a few minness by the Edward Saxton had formed an opinion, so he stepped down. Next in line was Richard Hartnett, who underwent the questioning satisfactorily. Charles H. Thompson was challenged by the government, Arthur L. Orrison and Marshall Overfield took seats also formed an opinion so they gave way to other members of the panel.

William P. Colley was challenged peremptorily by the government and John R English, Joseph F. Saum, Lincoln W. Burkett. Charles Schnebel and William H. Clarke were accepted conditionally. This expansived the panel. The situation at the hour of adjournment was:

ing at their disposal. Challenged "for cause:" Randall H. Hagner, Eugene R. Nichols, William J. Palmer, Charles T. Clagett, Morgan D. Lewis, Edward Saxton, Norman L. Sansbury, Chas. H. Fred and Gustavus E. Wade: Watson was appropriately ciad today, wearing a suit of dark blue. He appeared to be in the best of health and took a keen interest in the proceedings, frequently con-

trial will be in progress. Justice Pritchard has arranged to go to Asheville, N. C., next Thursday morning for a short stay, and in the event the hearing is in progress at that time an adjournment will very likely be taken until his return.

NEW HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING. Thos. Hastings Selected to Perfect Architectural Plans.

architects of Carrere & Hastings of New York has been selected by Superintendent Elliott Woods of the Capitol to act under plans of the designs now drawn or in to be erected south of the Canitol groupeds This selection by Mr. Woods has been approved by the commission appointed by the House of Representatives the construction of this office building Mr. Woods speaks in the highest term of Mr. Hastings' ability and standing as an architect. Mr. Woods has already completed the plans for the interior of the building, and they have been thoroughly worked by him, and have already had the

Movements of Naval Vessels. this morning for Nimrod sound, and the battle ship Kentucky left Colombo for

The San Francisco has left Cavite for Hong Kong. The Wilmington has arrived at Shanghai and the Don Juan de Austria is at Guantanamo.

Acting Adjutant General Hall is informed that Second Lieutenant Harry Parshall of the 22d Infantry died at Marahul, Mindanao, on the 8th instant, of heart disease. Lieut. Parshall was a native of and was appointed from the ranks in Feb-

Local Bills Passed by Senate. The Senate has passed Senate bill 4938, requiring the telegraph compaties in the District to place their wires in conduits to

the Commissioners. The Senate has also passed Senate reso lution 68, providing that the Lincoln Museum on 10th street between E and F streets be opened to the public free of charge. The bill appropriates for this purpose \$3,000.

strice situation is assuming grave propor tions. Sheriff Trescher came to Latrobe today and is placing additional deputies guard. A vote was taken at a meeting of the strikers yesterday resulting in favor of continuing the strike. A raid had been planned on the plants at Dorothy and La-

Charged With Page Murder. WALTHAM, Mass., April 11.-Charles L. Tucker was arraigned here today and formally charged with the murder of Miss Mabel Page at West Newton. He pleaded not guilty and the case was continued until April 21. Miss Page was stabbed to death

Time Since Coronation.

IN BEST OF HEALTH

CELEBRATION OF THIRTEENTH CENTENNIAL OF ST. GREGORY.

-Gorgeous Procession. ROME, April 11 .- For the first time since his coronation, August 9, 1903, the pope went this morning to St. Peter's to say

From Applause or Demonstration

mass in celebration of the thirteenth centennial of St. Gregory the Great (who died in 604 A. D.). The immense basilica of St. Peter's was filled, more than 70,000 people being present. The pope was in the best of health. He appeared in the sedia gestatoria, al-

though the motion of this chair, carried on the shoulders of bearers, makes him ili. On his express recommendation the audi ence refrained from applause or crying out contenting themselves with the waving o handkerchiefs.

The inside of St. Peter's offered, as usual, grand sight, which, once seen, is never forgotten. There were only three tribunes for members of the aristocracy, diplomatic corps and royal families, respectively. There was also a special reserved place for the pope's family, which was occupied by his three sisters.

Rendered Gregorian Chant. The Sistine choir, directed by Abbe Perosi

who, together with Maestro Beila, has been its organizer and instructor for today's Gregorian chant, had a special box near the throne, while grouped around it were 1.200 youths of practically every nationality, race and color, belonging to the ecclesi-astical colleges at Rome. The Benedictine monks who formed the choir were also located here.

The arrival of Pope Plus was heralded by a blare of silver trumpets. Although the procession was as gorgeous as ever, the bright red of the cardinals' gowns, mingled with the brown of the monks' robes and the figure of the pope under the gorgeous can-opy, the picturesque ostrich fans and the glittering helmets of the guards, its reception seemed cold after the frantic applause permitted by Pope Leo. This, however, heightened the effect of the choir, which greeted him with music as he came in

Pope Celebrates Mass.

After a brief halt in the chapel of the sacrament the pope proceeded to the throne. he triple crown was placed on his hea by Cardinal Macchi. Immediately after the crowning the pontiff celebrated mass to the accompaniment of the Gregorian chant, which echoed solemnly throughout the vast

America was represented in the papal procession by the Most Rev. Robert Seton, titufar archbishop of Heliopolis, formerly of Jersey City, N. J.: Right Rev. John O'Connor, bishop of Newark, N. J.; Mgr Thomas F. Kennedy, rector of the American College at Rome: Very Rev. J. P. Far relly, formerly of Nashville, Tenn.. ual director of the American College at Rome; Mgr. J. A. Stafford and Father C. P. Carroll of Newark, N. J.

Remarkable Musical Effect.

The simple Gregorian chant, forming an immense volume like one voice with true monody, produced a remarkable effect in St. Peters, which it is considered difficult to obtain in small churches. The merits for the success go to Abbe Perosi, the prime mover in the introduction of the Gregorian

chant. At noon the pope re-entered his apartment, the procession being formed in the same manner as on entering the church. There was no applause and a tack of incldent except that several persons fainted, especially women and soldiers who had been in the piazza since 4 o'clock this morning.

### STREET EXTENSION BILLS Four Passed by the House Last Wed-

nesday Sent to Conference. In the House today four of the sever street extension bills passed last Wednesday were sent to conference. These bills had passed the Senate, with the provision that one-half of the cost of the extension should be borne by the United States and one-half by the District of Columbia. The House bills place the whole cost upon the District. This feature of the bills will be the subject of the conference. The Speaker appointed as managers for the House Representatives Babeock, Samuel W. Smith and Meyer of Louisiana. The bills referred were: To connect Euclid place with Erie street, to open connecting highways on the east and west boundaries of the Zoological Park, to join Kajorama avenue, and for the extension of Albemarle street.

DANGEROUS TARGET PRACTICE. Report Regarding Peril of the Steamer

Cambridge. Secretary Moody has received a letter from the superintendent of the Baltimore Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company. which owns the steamer Cambridge, saying that while that steamer was passing Annapolis on the morning of the 8th instant she came very near being hit twice by shells supposed to have been fired from the U. S. S. Dolphin at target practice in Annapolis roads. The superintendent said that one ball passed over the boat about ten feet above the pilot house, another one struck about thirty feet from the bow and several others landed a short distance away on the port side. The officers of the vessel and the passengers were much frightened at the danger to which they had been exposed The matter will be investigated by the Navy Department and the captain of the in will be called upon for a statement of the facts in the case

TO HARDEN THE TROOPS.

Gen. Wood's Recent Orders Regarding Drill and Exercise.

Soldiers serving under Major General Wood in the Department of Mindanao will lead a strenuous life, notwithstanding alleged peaceful conditions in the More country, if they strictly observe an order just issued by the newly-promoted major general. "In order to have the troops in this de-

partment," says Gen. Wood, "placed in the hardened physical condition needed by the best infantry for actual field service, the following requirements will be observed for the first month after receipt of this order:

rounds of ammunition, full canteen of coffee, tea or boiled water and the equivalent in weight of three days' field rations. One day in each week a march of six miles will be made with the same equipment.

"Similar drills will be continued after the first month for our bear rounded."

Senate Adopts House Resolution Providing for Acceptance.

day adopted House joint resolution 84, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Gen. Thaddeus Koseiuszko, to be presented to the United States by the Polish-American eltizens. The statue is to be erected on one of the corners of Lafayette Square, in this city, by and at the expense of the Polish-American organizations and of the Pollsh-American people of the United States generally, as an expression of their loyalty and devotion to their adopted country, for the liberties of which Kosciuszko fought. The offer was made through Theodore M. Helinski, president of the central committee of the Polish-American organizations of the United States. The selection of the site on Lafavette Square, the approval of the statue offered, and the manof its erection shall be under the control and direction of a commission consisting of the Secretary of War and the chairmen of the committees on the library of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Pitty-eighth Congress.

New York Methodists Take Action at Conference Today.

NEW YORK, April 11 .- At the New York conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church today a resolution was unanimously ers of the District were present and gave adopted deploring the increase in the huma-ber of lynchings in the north as well as in the bill. Mr. Cowherd was directed to per-fect the measure on specified lines. This adopted deploring the increase in the numright arm of our country's power be en-gaged to secure the inalienable right of trial by jury to every citizen, regardless of color or condition of the crime of which any man may be suspected.

AGAINST INSTRUCTION.

Strong Sentiment Among Alabama Democrats-Exciting Election Today. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 11.-A general democratic primary is being held throughout Alabama today for the nomination of seven supreme court judges, president of the state railroad commission, nine congressmen, seventeen circuit court judges, five councillors and numerous county officers, and for the selection of delegates to the state democratic convention, which

There seems to be a strong sentiment that Alabama should send an uninstructed dele-gation to the St. Louis convention. Five of the nine congressmen now in of-fice are unopposed for a renomination. In the sixth the warmest fight of all is taking place. Captain R. P. Hobson is opposing Congressman Bankhead, and the contest will be close.

Distinguished Lawyer Dead. CONCORD, Mass., April 11.-Samuel Hoar, a distinguished lawyer and nephew

of United States Senator George F. Hoar, died today of paralysis. He was fifty-nine years old and for nearly twenty years had been general counsel for the Boston and ne was prominently mentioned as successor to Justice Horace Gray as associate justice

of the United States Supreme Court. A widow and two sons survive.

Death of an Ohio Millionaire.

NEW YORK, April 11.-The hearing in the suit of the Continental Securities Company against the Northern Securities Company, which was to have come up in Jersey City today, has been set for April 18. The case is an application for an injunction

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

NEW YORK, April 11.-The Atlantic Transport Line steamer Minnehaha from London for New York is reported as having been in communication by wireless tele

Resolutions by Northern Conference. ILION, N. Y., April 11 .- A resolution favoring restoration of the time limit for pasthe Northern New York Methodist conference. The convention also adopted a resolution protesting against the adoption of any article of discipline tending to impair the position of the church on the amusement

FHILADELPHIA, April 11.-Lawrence Gibson, sometimes known as John Oakley, a former employe at Houston Hall, the club house of the students of the University of Pennsylvania, was arrested today on suspicion of knowing sometimes of murder of John Thomas, the aged watchsuspicion of knowing something of the night in one of the bowling alleys in the

basement of the club house. The police express the belief that Gibson is the murderer, although he protests his Innocence. Detectives today recovered from Gibson's home a suit of clothing which was stained with blood and still damp. Wm. Plowman, an engineer at the university, told the police he saw Gibson and spoke to him in the vicinity of Houston

The latter is said to have threatened to kill Mr. Cline. The police are of the opinion that Gibson, seeking revenge, visited Houston Hall for the purpose of robbery, and being caught in the act by Thomas he fatally assaulted the watch-

Good Shooting on the Wisconsin.

Rear Admiral Evans six weeks ago giving the scores of the target practice on that station was misinterpreted. It appears graph ten is hereby amended so as to read from a personal letter just received that the as follows: "Except during stormy weather, for four days per week every infantry command will be drilled for at least thirty minutes with full field equipment, including one hundred the pennant for battle ships. 

## A TAX BILL REPORTED

Every advertisement in

The Star is pertinent testi-

mony, not of faith, but of

conviction.

Numerous Amendments to Existing Law Provided.

AN OMNIBUS MEASURE

CONTAINS ITEMS FAVORED BY THE COMMISSIONERS.

Views of House District Committee Also Embodied in the Measure Presented by Mr. Cowherd.

An Entirely New Bill. The bill presented by Mr. Cowherd today is in entirely new form, all after the enacting clause of the original draft having been omitted. As this bill is one of the most important local measures to be

humbia shall convene on the first Monday in February of each year, and continue in session to and including the second Mon-day in March of each year, instead of convening on the 15th day of November and continuing in session until the 15th day of December in each year, as now provided

"Sec. 2. That the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, entitled 'An act making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending Jun amended as follows:

Dealers in general merchandise of every description shall pay to the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia 14 per

to June 30 in each year and establishing a place of business for the sale of goods, wares or merchandise, either at private sale or at auction, or engaging in the business of common carrier by vessels, ships or boats, to conduct such business until a sworn statement of the value of such stock, vessels ships and boats has been filed with the assessor of the District of Columbia, who shall thereupon render a bill for the unexpired portion of the fiscal year at the same rate as other personal taxes are levied: Provided, That this shall not apply to vessels, ships or boats if it shall be made to appear by affidavit that any vessel, ship or boat has been assessed taxation and the taxes paid elsewhere.

"The assessor is hereby authorized to reassess said stock whenever in his judgment it has been undervalued. The goods, wares and merchandise of any person or persons, who shall fall to pay the tax required by this paragraph within three days after beginning business, shall be subject to distraint, and it shall be the duty of the of the collector of taxes, who shall seize sufficient of the goods of the delinquent to satisfy said tax: Provided, That said owner shall have the right of redemption within thirty days on payment of said tax, to which shall be added a penalty of 1 per centum, together with the costs of The collector shall sell such goods as are not redeemed at public auction after adver-

tisement for the three days preceding said "That that part of the proviso in paragraph 5, section 6, relating to street rall-roads 'shall be construed to mean that all street railroad companies shall pay 4 per centum per annum on their gross receipts within the District of Columbia and other

taxes as provided by existing law.' Bonding and Title Companies.

"Strike out paragraph 6 of section 6 and substitute the following therefor: 'All companies incorporated or otherwise who guarantee the fidelity of any individual or individuals, such as bonding companies, and all companies who furnish abstracts of titles to real property, or who insure real estate titles, shall pay to the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia 11/2 per centum of their gross receipts in the District of Columbia.'

fiscal year commencing July 1, 1904, incorporated savings banks paying interest to their depositors shall, through their president or cashier, make report under oath to the board of personal tax appraisers on or before the 1st of August in each year as to amount of their gross earnings, less the amount paid as interest to their depositors for the preceding year ending June 30, and shall pay thereon to the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia 4 per centum per annum.'

'In section 6 the proviso of paragraph 8 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: 'Provided, That nothing in this paragraph contained shall be construed to include business companies which, by reason of or in addition to incorporation, receive no special franchise or privilege but all such corporations shall be rated, assessed and taxed as individuals conducting business in similar lines are rated, assessed and taxed." "Section 6, paragraph 9, is hereby

amended so as to read as follows: Building Associations.

"'Building associations in the District of Columbia shall pay to the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia 2 per centum per annum on their entire gross earnings for the preceding year ending June 30.

Second. Libraries, schoolbooks, wearing apparel and all family portraits."

In section six, at the end of paragraph

"That hereafter when the collector of

A SERVICE TO SERVICE

## REGARDS IT A THREAT

Russia Demurs to Jap Instructors in Chinese Service.

SUGGESTS POSSIBILITIES.

Ma Could Menace Movements.

that M. Lessar, the Russian minister at Peking, had made strong representations to the Chinese government on the subject of the Japanese military instructors in the service of China and the Japanese officers with General Ma's army, demanding the issuance of orders for their dismissal, are confirmed here. Russia regards their continued presence where they are as being

General Kuropatkin's rear, possibly result-ing in cutting off his communications.

greatly embarrass him. the Chinese army is imperative.

While it is not specifically stated that China's failure to comply with the Russian

OFFICIAL EXPLANATION.

the killing of two Chinese. It appears from the official statement that owing to the fact that the officers of the the depth of the water on the bar, so as sels were sighted by the forts some time

large guns effect of the fire had not been report-

Supposed It Was Jap Attack. In view of the reports received here of Japanese activity in Korea and of the arrival of Japanese troops on the Yalu river. it is understood that the troops of the gar-

the firing, naturally supposed that the at-New Chwang Closed to Commerce. CHEFOO, April 11 .- 6 p.m.-A Chinese steamer has just returned from New

port of New Chwang is practically closed to commerce. Praying for Victory.

CELEBRATING FASTER.

ST. PETERSBURG. April 11, 2:07 p.m.of the amount of the bill.

Belated Easter Greeting. transport Angara.

JAPS' FIRST ARMY LANDED. Points of Debarkation of Second Army

lar number of corps, is about to start. The

## points of debarkation of the second army are not known. No Easter Disturbances. WATSON TRIAL BEGINS

PRISONER TALKS CHEERFULLY

ploye at the District building, whose arrest last June, on the charge of embezzling about \$73,000 from funds in the office or the auditor of the District of Columbia, caused a sensation locally, appeared today in Criminal Court No. 1 for trial. After Justice Pritchard had passed upon a motion, submitted by the defense, that the three indictments that have been reported ! against Watson be consolidated for the purpose of the trial, the duty of impaneling jury was undertaken. The regular panel of jurors on duty in the court was exhausted by challenges before twelve men satisfactory to both the prosecution and the defense were secured, and an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock tomorrow morn-

When the case was called this morning

Wanted Indictments Consolidated. The proceedings were opened by Attorney McNamara, who formally asked that of the trial. The government pro posed to go to trial on the indictment have been committed prior to the adoption lates to checks drawn on the Citizens' Na been deposited at the Traders' Na-

The Motion Opposed. Assistant United States Attorneys Taggart and Turner opposed granting the motion. While conceding that it was in the discretion of the court to grant or overrule the same, they pointed out that the reasons against the granting were based largely upon the embarrassment that would be caused the jury in the final consideration of the proof if the three cases were tried as one. It was also asserted that the code has made a substantial modification in the law of embezzlement and that complica-tions would certainly arise if charge charges brought under the old law should be tried with charges under the new law. The court was informed by counsel for the government that the outcome of the case it was proposed to try first would determine large whether the defendant would be placed

was not entirely the government's "Why," remarked Attorney Baker in eply, "the government is not ready to reply,

District of Columbia prior to the date the code became effective.

each had ten peremptory challenges which they were to alternate in exercising.

Pursuant to Request Audience Refrains

sat down for the time being, but he was challenged peremptorily by the defense, probably because he had said he has known utes by the government. J. A. Holcer met the requirements, as did Jeremiah D. J. Mackessy, apparently, but the latter was subsequently challenged by the defense. and Norman L. Sansbury was excused because he had expressed an opinion. Gustavus E. Wade and Charles H. Fred had also formed an opinion so they gave way to

Situation at Adjournment. Occupying seats in the boxes Leonard Daniel, Irwin J. French, J. A. Holcer. Richard Hartnett, Arthur L. Orrison, Marshall Overfield, John R. English, Joseph Saum, Lincoln W. Burkett, Charles Schnebel and William H. Clarke. All are subject to peremptory challege.
Challenged peremptoily by the defense:
Richard A. Walker, William M. Carrington and Jeremiah J. Mackessy. Challenged peremptorily by the government: Charles H. Thompson, William P. Colley and George A. Gheen.

The defense and the government each ave seven peremptory challenges remain-

ferring with his attorneys. . . . It cannot be stated definitely how long the

Mr. Thomas Hastings of the firm of his direction in perfecting architectural course of preparation for the new office building for the House of Representatives

approval of the House commission The Isla de Cuba has arrived at Aden on her way to the United States, the Viven is at Guantanamo, the Caesar at Pensacola and the Minneapolis and Hartford at The gunboat Nashville and the torpedo boat Lawrence have left New Orleans for Memphis on their way to St. Louis, and the Culgoa has left Pensacola for Colon.
The Vicksburg and Helena left Shanghai

Death of Lieut. Parshall.

be constructed under the supervision of

Strike Situation Grows Serious. LATROBE, Pa., April 11.-The miners'

trobe of the Connellsville company, but was

abandoned. Both places are expected to be visited by the strikers today. Over 3,500

men are out.

# Pope Visits St. Peter's First first month for one hour per day for four days each week, and the weekly march extended to ten miles."

STATUE OF KOSCIUSZKO.

The Senate, on motion of Senator Kean, chairman of the committee on library, to

DEPLORE LYNCHINGS.

will be held in Montgomery, May 25.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, April 11.-O. S Kelly, millionaire manufacturer, died today, aged eighty-two. Mr. Kelly has been for turing interests in Springfield. Injunction Hearing Postponed.

against the announced method of distribut-ing the stocks held by the Northern Securi-

graph, forty miles east of Nantucket Lightship, at 4:20 a.m. The vessel will probably dock about 8 a.m. tomorrow. torates was adopted at today's session of

Arrested on Suspicion of Murder.

Hall early last night. Gibson's arrest was due to the suspicions of A. P. Cline, superintendent of the Hous-ton Club. Mr. Cline stated that the prisoner, who is a native of Jamaica, married white girl, and this caused so much gossip that the superintendent discharged Gib-

Announcement is made at the Navy Department that a cablegram received from

Wisconsin made better records than the Alabama, which up till now held the record. The best 13-inch gun pointer of the Wisconsin made nine hits out of ten shots, and the total percentage of hits was 83. All classes of guns on the Wisconsin made bet-

Representative Cowherd of Missouri, from he committee on the District of Columbia, has reported in the House the bill providing a number of amendments to existing tax laws. This bill is an omnibus measure containing items of legislation which the Commissioners have recommended and others expressing the views of the members of the District committee. The bill has been before the committee a number of times and this is the second time it has been amended and reported. As reported the first time the bill was quite unsatisfactory in some of its details and was recommitted to the District committee without consideration by the House. At the meeting last Thursday the committee again considered the measure. The Commissiontheir views on the several paragraphs of fect the measure on specified lines. This be has done and the bill has been placed upon the calendar for consideration next Saturday, that day having been set apart by unanimous consent for the consideration of District business. Saturday will probably be the last District day of the session.

considered by Congress, its provisions, as reported by Mr. Cowherd, are given in full as follows;
"That beginning with the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1904, the board of personal tax appeals of the District of Co-

1903, and for other purposes, is hereby "Strike out paragraph three of section six and insert in lieu thereof the follow-

centum on the average stock in trade the preciding year. Albary railroad. Mr. Hoar also was an overseer of Harvard University. In 1902

"In section 6 the second portion of para-

taxes shall distrain any goods and chattels in order to enforce payment of taxes levied under the aforesaid act, approved July 1, 1902, the goods and chattels so seized shall be kept in a safe and convenient place